Projects under TUFS in Orissa

194. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government has cleared the Textiles Technology Upgradation Fund Schemes (TUFS) for the Eleventh Plan Period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Textiles projects that would be upgraded under this scheme in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme Provides the following incentives:

(0 reimburesement of five percent interest charges by financial institutions/banks for Technology Upgradation Projects. The rate of interest reimbursement on spinning machinery has been reduced to 4%;

(ii) coverage of exchange rate erosion not exceeding 5% points per annum in respect of foreign currency loans instead of 5% interest support. For spinning machinery the coverage is 4%;

(iii) an additional option to the powerloom units to avail 20% Margin Money Subsidy under TUFS in lieu of 5% interest reimbursement on investment in TUF compatible specified machinery subject to a capital ceiling of Rs. 200 lakh and ceiling on subsidy of Rs. 20 lakh;

(iv) 15% Margin Money Subsidy for SSI textile and jute sector in lieu of 5% interest reimbursement on investment in TUF compatible specified machinery subject to a capital ceiling of Rs.200 lakh and ceiling on subsidy Rs. 15 lakh;

(v) 5% interest reimbursement plus 10% capital subsidy for specified processing machinery, garmenting machinery and machinery required in manufacture of technical textiles;

(vi) 25% capital subsidy on purchase of the new machinery and equipments for the pre-Ioom & post-loom operations, handlooms/up-gradation of handlooms and testing & quality control equipments, for handloom production units;

(vii) interest subsidy/capital subsidy/Margin money subsidy only on the basic value of the machineries.

(c) In Orissa State under this Scheme, application for only one textile project costing Rs. 1.90 crore has been received. A loan amount of Rs. 1.27 crore has been disbursed against this project as on 31.3.2007.

Representations by-co-operative societies of handloom weavers

t l95. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of number of representations received by Government from the

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co-operative societies of handloom weavers and other organizations with regard to providing more concessions during the last five years as on date;

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the concessions being provided to the handloom weavers at present; and

(d) the number of handloom weavers benefited by these concessions in the backward areas till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) No such data regarding number of representations received by Government from the co-operative societies of handloom weavers and other organizations with regard to providing more concessions is maintained at the Central level. However, for the development of Handloom Sector and welfare of handloom weavers, the Government of India is implementing five schemes during the 11th Five Year Plan, which are:

(i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme;

(ii) Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme;

(iiT) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme;

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme; and

(v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

(d) No Such data regarding handloom weavers benefited by these concessions in the backward areas is maintained at the Central level.

Objectives of Catalytic Development Programme

196. **SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA**: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) proposed in the Eleventh Plan to promote silk industry in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has asked the States to submit proposals under CDP; and

(c) if so, the details of the States that have submitted their proposals and action that has been taken on such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Catalytic Development Programme is unique and effective tool for transfer of technologies in the field evolved by the Research Institutes and is being implemented by Central Silk Board (CSB) through the respective State Departments. The objectives of the programme are to enhance the production of raw silk through vertical and horizontal expansion of sericulture especially Mulberry bivoltine silk and Vanya silks, to create greater opportunities for gainful employment in rural and backward areas especially for women and other marginalized sections of the society, to produce high quality silk of international grade for import substitution and increasing export earnings to improve productivity and quality at all levels of production processes starting from leaf production to fabrics through technological interventions, skill up-gradation and integrated extension support, etc.